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C O N F I D E N T I A L AMMAN 3927

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, JO, US
SUBJECT: JORDAN I-HAWK PROGRAM

1. THE AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE 14 I-HAWK BATTERIES
THROUGH FMS IS PROGRESSING AS SCHEDULED. TO PROVIDE
ADEQUATELY FOR THE MAINT OF 14 BATTERIES, RJAF HAS
REQUESTED A LOA FOR THE FOLLOWING MAINT FLOAT EQUIP:

- A. RADAR SET AN/MPQ-50 (1PAR) QTY 1
- B. RADAR SET AN/MPQ-48 (1CWAB) QTY 1
- C. RADAR SET AN/MPQ-46 (1HP1) QTY 1
- D. RADAR SET AN/MPQ-51 (IROR) QTY 1
- E. CONTROL BOX GM LAUNCHING AN/GSQ-132 QTY 1
- F. GM BTRY CONTROL CENTRAL AN/TSW-8 (1BCC) QTY 1
- G. LAUNCHER ZERO LENGTH GMXM-192 QTY 2
- H. INFO COORD CENTRAL AN/MSQ-95 QTY 1
- I. BTRY INTER GROUP CABLE SET QTY 1

2. JUSTIFICATION: THE EQUIPMENT REQUESTED IS
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REQUIRED FOR THE PROPER OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF
THE 14-BATTERY I-HAWK SYSTEM NOW BEING SUPPLIED TO
JORDAN. THE EMBASSY AND MAP AMMAN CONSIDER THE
MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT FLOAT LIST AS A PARTICULARLY
MINIMAL AND AUSTERE REQUEST FOR THOSE CRITICAL ITEMS
ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL FOR THE PROPER MAINTENANCE OF
THE JORDANIAN I-HAWK BATTERIES. THE QUANTITIES AND

ITEMS REQUESTED ARE CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN THOSE CONSIDERED NORMAL AND NECESSARY FOR SIMILAR U.S. ARMY HAWK UNITS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE USUAL MAINTENANCE FLOAT OF LAUNCHERS IN U.S. UNITS IS APPROXIMATELY 12 PERCENT, WHICH IN THE CASE OF 14 BATTERIES WOULD AMOUNT TO TEN LAUNCHERS. JORDAN IS ONLY REQUESTING A TWO-LAUNCHER MAINTENANCE FLOAT FOR ITS 14 BATTERIES. JORDAN TOOK POSSIBLE U.S. SENSITIVITIES INTO ACCOUNT IN DRAWING UP ITS MINIMAL NEEDS. WE BELIEVE IT ALSO FALLS WELL BELOW WHAT HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO OTHER FOREIGN ARMIES POSSESSING HAWK (IRAN, ISRAEL, SAUDI ARABIA) AND WILL NOT PROVIDE AN INCREASE IN CAPABILITY OF THE 14-BATTERY SYSTEM. IT IS REQUIRED TO ALLOW JORDAN ACTUALLY TO POSSESS AN OPERATING 14-BATTERY CAPABILITY.

3. BACKGROUND: THE REQUIREMENT FOR A MAINTENANCE FLOAT WAS PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED IN 1976 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ARMY READINESS COMMAND (DARCOM) HAD ASSIGNED A FMS CASE DESIGNATOR OF "USC" FOR THE MATERIAL. THE CASE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY HELD UP, AND LATER CANCELLED TO REDUCE THE OVERALL COST OF THE PROGRAM AND PRESENT THE SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT WITH AN I-HAWK PROGRAM PRICE (\$432 MILLION) IT WOULD SUPPORT. COST DATA FOR THE PROGRAM HAS SINCE BEEN REFINED AND THE MAINTENANCE FLOAT CAN NOW BE PURCHASED WITHIN THE \$432 MILLION CEILING.
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4. APPRECIATE PROMPT FORWARDING OF THIS REQUEST TO DOD FOR THE PREPARATION OF AN FMS CASE.
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